

**REMARKS**

**The Rejections Under 35 USC § 112**

The rejections/issues regarding the form of the claims are overcome by the amendments further clarifying the claims.

Each of the retardation films in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of claim 1 referred to "the film plane." In each of these paragraphs, explicit antecedent basis is provided for the film plane recited in said paragraph. No new matter is added.

**Drawings**

Because the term "film plane" was deleted from line 3 of claim 1, applicants believe that a drawing is no longer required.

If any issues remain, applicants request that the Examiner contact counsel below via telephone to expeditiously resolve any such remaining issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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